How To Close a 4-Mile Section of an Interstate Highway

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ORM: Occasional Risk Mismanagement

A tracked backhoe excavator being transported on a flatbed trailer

The boom extended and ripped through the concrete deck of the bridge

The driver didn’t have permits for the interstate and was supposed to be taking other roads

Best case: several weeks of repairs, hundreds of thousands of dollars

Bridges get hit “fairly often,” a DoT engineer said, but that damage is usually minor.